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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) VE
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: SCENARIO

SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH EX-PRESIDENTS BETANCOURT AND CALDERA

APRIL 26, 1975

2130 SECRETARY ENDS FORMAL CALL ON PRESIDENT PEREZ AND PROCEEDS FROM PEREZ'S OFFICE TO RECEPTION AREA OF LA CASONA WHERE HE MINGLES WITH THE GUESTS ASSEMBLED FOR THE STATE DINNER.

2145 SECRETARY AND EX-PRESIDENT ROMULO BETANCOURT RETIRE TOGETHER TO ADJACENT PRIVATE ROOM. SECRETARY IS ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND CHARGE ASENCIO (INTERPRETER).

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. U.S. - VENEZUELAN RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY FUTURE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN VENEZUELAN DEVELOPMENT

B. VENEZUELA'S NEW WORLD ROLE

C. U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE HEMISPHERE

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NOTE: SECRETARY MAY WISH TO EXPRESS GRATIFICATION AT THE SUCCESSFUL EVOLUTION OF DEMOCRACY IN VENEZUELA WHICH BETANCOURT DID SO MUCH TO FOSTER.

2200 SECRETARY MOVES TO AN ADJOINING ROOM TO MEET WITH EX-PRESIDENT RAFAEL CALDERA. SECRETARY IS ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND CHARGE ASENCIO (INTERPRETER.)

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. U.S. - VENEZUELAN RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY FUTURE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN VENEZUELAN DEVELOPMENT

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C. OPPOSITION'S EVALUATION OF PEREZ ADMINISTRATION

D. CALDERA'S FUTURE

NOTE: SECRETARY WAS PRESENT AT NIXON-CALDERA MEETING IN OVAL ROOM ON JUNE 7, 1970, DURING CALDERA'S STATE VISIT IN THE U.S.

2215 SECRETARY REJOINS INVITED GUESTS AT OFFICIAL DINNER. ASENCIO

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